



Minutes Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission January 6, 2015

Minutes of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission held on January 6, 2015 6:30 p.m., at the Tempe, Public Library Board Room, 3500 S. Rural Road 2nd Floor, Tempe, Arizona.

MEMBERS Present: Nyesha Barnes, Victoria Bennett, Daniel Bish, Alexis Blanc, Sunday Callaway, Gabriel Edwards, Jason George, Sophia Gonzalez, Smita Gopalakrishnan, Zaria Guignard, Nicholas Hargis, Timur Karamanov , Andrea Lara-Garcia, Chris Moffitt, Aemelia Morris, Andie Niebling, Julia Rasmussen, Carson Streiff, and Ellie Young and Franklin Zyriek.

MEMBERS Absent: Tiffanie Cappello Lee, Maria Ornelas , Jaren Savage, and J.D. Scribner.

City Staff Present: Lily Villa .

Guests Present: Art De La Cruz & Christina Rabussay .

Agenda Item 1 – Call Meeting To Order/Introductions

Zaria Guignard, Youth Town Hall Chair called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of the Meeting Minutes: December 2, 2014

Carson Streiff read the minutes from the December 2, 2014 meeting.

Motion: Daniel Bish, MYAC Treasurer motioned to approve the minutes.

Second: Chris Moffitt seconded the motion.

Decision: Minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 3 – Treasurer's Report

Daniel Bish provided the Treasurer's Report.

Agenda Item 4 – Announcements

- 1) **Lily Villa, MYAC Advisor** asked the group if they would be willing to do a focus group with Jeffery Hawkinson from Public Allies in March so that the organization can better advertise their services to youth.
 - All MYAC members stated that they would be willing to participate in the focus group.
 - **Lily** will schedule the discussion for a date in March, an hour before one of the MYAC meetings.
- 2) Lily informed the group that all MYAC members will recruit youth participants for Youth Town Hall from their respective schools.

- MYAC members should check in with their Principals (middle schools) or Assistant Principals of Activities (high schools).
- There will be a contest between all MYAC members to recruit the most Youth Town Hall participants and this will be determined by the amount of people who state which MYAC member referred them.
- Some students will not be able to participate in the contest so Lily will arrange for other opportunities for those MYAC members to receive recognition.

Agenda Item 5 – 2015 Youth Town Hall Planning

Zaria directed the MYAC members to split into their facilitation groups to determine the discussion questions for each topic.

- All groups successfully determined their questions.
- All groups will discuss each youth participants' opinions on what makes their Youth Town Hall topics difficult for youth in Tempe, why these topics are an issue, and how the City of Tempe and Tempe schools can address the matters.
- **Lily** will type up the questions for handouts during the discussion groups.

Agenda Item 6 – Future Agenda Items

- Youth Town Hall Planning

The Commission's next meeting will be **January 20, 2015**.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Prepared by: Nyesha Barnes, MYAC Administrative Assistant

Reviewed by: Kim Bauman and Lily Villa

Tiffanie Cappello-Lee, Youth Town Hall Chair
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